

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3K) BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE SAT (\$150K))**

IAW FAR13.104, COs must promote competition to the maximum extent practicable to obtain supplies and services from the source whose offer is the most advantageous to the Government, considering the administrative cost of the purchase. When competition is not practicable, IAW FAR13.106-1(b), COs solicit from a single source for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. COs may solicit from one source if the CO determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization). IAW FAR13.106-3(b)(3), COs are required to include additional statements **explaining the absence of competition** (see 13.106-1 for brand name purchases) if only one source is solicited and the acquisition does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (does not apply to an acquisition of utility services available from only one source) or supporting the award decision if other than price-related factors were considered in selecting the supplier. This template when completed can be used to document single source awards IAW FAR13.106-3(b)(3). Note: Statements such as "only known source" or "only source which can meet the required delivery date" are inadequate to support a sole source purchase.

1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:

VA263-15-AP-11414

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
No.**

636-315

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

[REDACTED]

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:

Project calls for all our Nurse call systems to be provided by Ascom/Telligence system. This includes reporting stations, pull stations, dome lights, code blue, all required programming and system update and all other required parts of the nurse call system.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:

The specified nurse call system is the only item meeting the requirements of the government. Our intent is to install the same brand and type nurse call system throughout the medical center. The medical center has standardized on this system in order to improve patient safety, security, and reduce maintenance and training costs. The system utilizes proprietary technology so other systems are not able to connect to it. If a device other than Ascom/Telligence is found to have the capability to communicate and maintain the integrity of the entire system then it will be considered acceptable. None to date is known to be available.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:

Ascom/Telligence was selected by a previous contract bidding process as the Nurse Call System for this facility. This project is a minor extension of the existing system and would be cost prohibitive to change.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

Market research was not completed for this item as it is the selected system for the Medical Center. New Components must tie into an existing, operational system. At this time, there are no competing vendors whose products are fully compatible with our existing system.

6. Contracting Officer's Certification: *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Note: COs are required to make a determination of price reasonableness IAW FAR 13.106-3. See the Commercial Supply and Service SOP for Price Reasonableness templates.*

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 12/7/15

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